

SENATE BILL No. 83

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-9-7.

Synopsis: Eligibility for admission to Veterans' Home. Decreases from three years to one year the time a person must be an Indiana resident before applying for admission to the Veterans' Home.

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Utilities, and Public Policy.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-9-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 7. (a) The following
3 persons who are legal residents of Indiana for at least ~~three (3) years~~
4 **one (1) year** immediately preceding application for admission and who
5 are disabled or destitute are eligible for admission to the home:

6 (1) An honorably discharged member of the armed forces who has
7 served with the United States in any of its wars.

8 (2) An honorably discharged member of the armed forces who has
9 served in an authorized campaign of the United States and who
10 has a service connected disability, as evidenced by a pension
11 certificate or the award of compensation.

12 (3) The spouse of an honorably discharged member of the armed
13 forces described in subdivision (1) or (2).

14 (4) The surviving spouse of an honorably discharged member of
15 the armed forces described in subdivision (1) or (2).

16 (b) The administrative head of the administrative unit for special
17 institutions of the state department of health or its successor shall adopt

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rules concerning admission to the home.

(c) In adopting rules governing the admission, maintenance, and discharge of members of the veterans' home, the administrative head of the administrative unit for special institutions of the state department of health or its successor may establish a fund called the veterans' home comfort and welfare fund. The administrative head shall deposit all money collected from the members for the cost of their care and maintenance in the fund. The administrative head shall expend this money in any manner that adds to the comfort and welfare of the members of the institutions.

(d) A part of the veterans' home comfort and welfare fund may be withdrawn and deposited in a special fund called the veterans' home building fund. The veterans' home building fund shall be used for the construction, maintenance, remodeling, or repair of buildings of the Indiana Veterans' Home.

(e) Preference under this section may be given to a person who served in an Indiana military organization. Except in cases where the surviving spouse of a veteran marries another veteran, the benefits of this chapter extend only to a surviving spouse and the spouse of a veteran if the contract of marriage was entered into more than five (5) years before the date of death of the veteran. Except as otherwise provided by law, upon the death of a person in the home, money paid to the person or due to the person from a bank, a trust company, a corporation, or an individual becomes an asset of the person's estate and shall be distributed in the manner prescribed by the probate law of the state.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) IC 10-17-9-7, as amended by this act, applies to an application for admission to the Indiana Veterans' Home filed after June 30, 2005.

(b) This SECTION expires June 30, 2006.

SECTION 3. An emergency is declared for this act.

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